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Executive Officer Statement

Sacramento, CA — California Victim Compensation Program Executive Officer Julie Nauman released the following statement regarding Trauma-Informed Services Workshops held at the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) in Sacramento.

"Providing quality services to victims of violent crime is our highest priority. When our staff better understands the trauma and psychology of victimization, they are better equipped to provide meaningful services to victims and assist them on their road to recovery.

"In partnership with direct services providers, CalVCP is offering training opportunities for staff from experts in the field of victim services. Guest speakers provide insight and data on trauma, and what it means to provide services through a trauma-informed approach. These workshops equip our staff with the knowledge and information they need to make difficult claim decisions as well as serve victims of crime in the most efficient and compassionate way possible.

"To date, CalVCP has hosted a variety of workshops ranging from the impacts of domestic violence on children to the psychobiology of trauma. Each workshop focuses on a single issue facing victims, and provides an in-depth forum for discussing these topics.

"As we better understand the impact of trauma, CalVCP can continue to help survivors rebuild a sense of control and empowerment in their lives."

The workshops are recorded and available for public viewing on the CalVCP [YouTube](#) page.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted over 800 individuals each week, and provided over \$61 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and

orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.

For more information about victims' rights and services, visit CalVCP at calvcp.ca.gov.